

## 'Tis the Season for Snow & Ice Control!

Brought to you by the City of Groton Highway Department

The winter season is rapidly approaching! Here are a few tips that may help us all to deal with the inclement weather Mother Nature may deliver.

**STAY CLEAR** of snowplows and sanders. Allow ample distance between your car and our plows to avoid flying sand.

**KEEP ROADWAYS** clear during and immediately following a storm; park off the road, whenever possible, to permit clear access for our plows. When police or highway officials announce hazardous conditions, stay off the road except for essential travel.

**DELAY CLEARING** the end of your driveway until plowing operations are complete. We understand the frustrations felt when the end of your drive is filled with snow. Regrettable, but necessarily, plows must direct the snow to the edge of the road. Please understand we do not intentionally target your driveway!

**SHOVEL SNOW** to either side of your drive, please do not throw snow into the street.

**SIDEWALKS** All property owners or occupants of land adjacent to a sidewalk have the responsibility to remove snow and ice from sidewalks. Per the City of Groton Ordinance, residential area sidewalks must be cleared on the same day as the end of snowfall, or within 6 hours of daylight after the end of snowfall, whichever period is longer.

**STATE ROADS** (Route 349, Clarence B. Sharp Highway, Rainville Avenue, and Eastern Point Road south of Chester Street to Avery Point) are plowed by the State Department of Transportation. Likewise, the City of Groton maintains roads within the City, while Town Public Works crews plow Town roads. If you have questions or concerns about a certain street, be sure you contact the proper agency City of Groton Police Dispatch 445-2451, City of Groton Highway Dept. 446-4160, State Department of Transportation 536-3985 to obtain the quickest response.

**FIRE HYDRANTS** are important to winter home safety. Assist your local fire department by clearing a path to nearby hydrants.